QUERIES

To the *PRESBYTERIAN NOBLEMEN* and *GENTLEMEN, BARONS, BURGESSES, MINISTERS* and *COMMONERS* in *SCOTLAND*, who are for the Scheme of an Incorporating UNION with *ENGLAND*, according to the

1 *QUER.* How should Presbyterians condemn D. *H.* Engagment in 1648 as sinful, because contrary unto, and not founded upon the Solemn League and Covenant, which Presbyterians can now eagerly plead for an *Union*, which as for the nature of it, for ever buries our Covenanted work of Reformation.

2 *Quer.* Did ever the greatest Pleader for the Publick Resolutions come such a length, as to grant the lawfulness of an Union in all respects with a People, avouching the Opposition to a work of Reformation, which once they had Sworn to promote and maintain, who can prove any thing thus out of their eagerest Defences for Resolutions?

3 *Quer.* Whence is it, that most of our *Presbyterian* Noblemen and Gentlemen Ruling Elders, have been Dead to all upon all the honest endeavours of Ministers for advancing our LORD's work since the Revolution, what hath been heard but [illegible] Court in all things, are not some who once seemed to be sincere in defence of *Caledonia*, and the Churches intrinsick Power discovered to be Men of no Principles, no Consciences, while they appear so violent in their Commission against the least zeal in this Critical juncture?

4 *Quer.* Whence is it, that when the Lords and Commons in *England* are so Zealous for their Sectarian Faith thus points of our Nobility and Gentry did never a Tongue speak in Parliament in behalf of our Covenants since the Revolution.

5. *Quer.* Is it not Dishonourable to God [illegible] to this National Church, that our National Church, and solemn Covenants should stand condemned in Law, as a Treasonable Band, and that it should be high Treason for any by Word or Write to plead for them: And yet no method hath been used to vindicate this poor Land from the horrid guilt of National and unparalelled Perjury.

6. *Quer.* Would it be Treason to supplicat the Parliament that our National Covenant be renewed, and a Declaration signed to the *English* Parliament, to renew the Solemn League with us, if it would be Treason to Suplicate, where is our Claim of Right; if it would not, why do not all heartily plead that the indignity done to our Marriage Contract with our God may be wiped of;

7 *Quer.* Should we not begin with *England* where we left in 1643; and if they will not joyn with us upon such Terms, ought we not to protest against the Breach of Covenant, and look to God for help in choising a King of our own, conform to *Deu.* 17. 14.

8 *Quer.* How can any *Presbyterian* speak to maintain the Succession of *Hannover*, according to Law in *England*, and not be guilty of renouncing the Covenants, since by the act of Succession *Prelacy*, as Re-established by Law, is to be preserved.

9 *Quer.* Will not the Sin of *Presbyterians*, in our *Scots* Parliament now, be Guilty of more Wickedness, than the *Episcopalians* in 1661: for the latter were avouched Enemies, while some now say, *Haill to the Church, and betrays it with a kiss, as* Judas *did his Master.*

10 *Quer.* Can any think that *Scotland* can be happy, if all the World should befriend us, unless we repent of National Perjury, Bloodshed and Oppressions, till we renew our Covenants and be more for God: will not all other Essays be but a Daubing with untempered Mortar.

11 *Quer.* As it is impossible in the nature of an incorporating Union, that there can be any Conditions of it, so, tho' it were possible, that such could be made, which could Secure our Religi-

...ons, and Liberties, will can we imagine that *England* would observe these terms, who so egregiously violat the most Sacred Bonds men could think upon, are they more Pious now then before.

12 *Quer*: Must we quite all thats dear to us, as true born Subjects, and as Reformed Covenanted *Presbyterians*, for Comerce and Trade with *England*: the advantage of which is most uncertain; should we not remember how God broke *Jehosaphats* Ships with an East wind.

13 *Quer*. How can any imagine, that a *Lutherian* Successor will be much concerned to maintain the Doctrine, Worship and Discipline of this Church, conform to *Calvins* Reformation against the ways of *Arminianized Prelatists*?

14. *Quer*: Whether or not was the Duke of *York* Lawfull forfeited for overturning our Laws and Liberties, if he was not why do not the Nation bring Home his Son, can a Parliament do what he did, and more too, and yet be guilty of no Crime against the Nation.

15. *Quer*: Whether or not can the Parliament condemn the Claim of Right and overturn it?

16. *Quer* If the Parliament go on with the Union, and not rescind the Claim of Right, are they not guilty of high Treason, if they do not rescind it, do they not by so doing, cease to be our Representatives?

17. *Quer*. Can a more effectual way be taken, to introduce a pretended King *James* the 8th. Then to Cram an Union down our Throats, against the sense of almost the whole Nation?

18. *Quer*: Did the Parliament well, the last year, in rewarding Mr. *Hodges* and Mr. *Anderson* if they did; as all honest men think, how came such methods to be fallen upon, now, so very Opposite to what these worthy Men advanced last year. Did the Parliament well in not minding Mr. *Ridpath*, because he had insinuate that King *William* had not observed punctualy the Claim of Right, and most these overturn that themselves, when they could not suffer an *Innuendo* against another on that Head?

19. *Quer.* Should any in the Parliament, from the Commissioner on the Throne, to the least Commissioner from the Burroughs, be allowed to Treat of an Union with *England*, till they Solemnly Depone that they have receaved no Bribes nor a promise of any, if they should Vote for an Union?

20. *Quer.* Should not all the Commissioners who subscrived the Articles, be excluded the House, when it cometh to a Vote, since they are prepossessed.

21. *Quer.* Doth it not prognosticate sad things to the Land, when *Presbyterians* in Parliament and Commission refuse to have a Fast, in the most weighty concern, we ever had before us? And yet we must keep Thanksgiving for *Marleburroughs* beating a few *French*.

22. *Quer.* Would it be Treason sin or evil for all good Patriots and persons of Honesty, to meet and give in their Protestations, against the Union, and to crave that the Parliament proceed to an Act,

1*mo*. That it be high Treason, to any by word or write to own K. J. the 8*th*. as he is called.

2*do* That all Laws Religion and Liberties, since 1660. be reformed.

3*tio*, To renew our National Covenant, with the advice of an Assembly to be called for this End.

4*to*. To observe a day of Humilation for bygone National sins.

5*to* To appoint a Committee for considering against the next Session of Parliament, the export and import of Goods, how to advance the Fishing Trade, how to restrain all Excess in Apparel, Mariages, Drinks, Rents, Servants Fies *&c*.

6*to* No new Taxes be imposed to the enslaving of the Nation, till all Grievances be Redressed.

7*to* That all Persons shall be encouraged who shall fall upon fit methods, for rectifieing what is wrong among us.

These Queries I humbly propose, and when they are answered according to *Presbyterian* Principles, I shall acquiesce.

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